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## POETRY.

### SOLILOQUY OF AN OLD BACHELOR ON HIS BIRTH-DAY.

Let youthful lovers fondly greet  
With song and dance, their natal day;  
Let them in social circles meet  
And laugh the jocund hours away;  
But mine alas!  
Must sadly pass.

By no kind gratulations blest;  
Mine but excites the silent tear,  
That now another lonely year,  
Has followed all the rest.

But whither, whither are they flown?  
What traces have they left behind?  
What transports can I call my own?  
What social bosom can I find?

I view the past,

And stand aghast!

How much alas, of life's short span!  
And memory cries, as thus I gaze,  
Where are the friends of former days,  
Thro' solitary man?

Some, blest of Heaven, and timely wise,  
Are joined in Hyphen's silken bands—  
I have lured Heaven's last best gift to prize,  
And joined with her's the willing hand;  
With fond embrace  
Each grief they chase,  
Whatever ill's steps bode;  
And hand in hand, they sweetly stray,  
Thro' life's perplexed and thorny way.

With truest love their guide.

Some seek their country's banner plain  
And fearless dare the hostile fray;  
And some the growing love of gain  
Hath lured to foreign lands away.  
And some, indeed,

Whose names I read  
Engraved on many a mossy stone,  
Were early numbered with the dead.  
Thus, all their diff'rent ways have sped,  
And left me here alone.

They say that my unfeeling breast  
Ne'er felt love's pleasing anxious smart—  
Was never with doubts and fears oppressed,  
Nor sighed to win a woman's heart.

But let them say

What'er they may—  
I heed not, censure now, nor praise—  
I could not ask a gentle maid,  
To share with me the lowly shade;

I hope for brighter days.

Yes, I have felt that hallowed flame  
Which burns with constant, chaste desire;  
I, too, have cherished long a name  
Which set my youthful breast on fire;

But hope's sweet smiles

And smiling wiles  
Burst my heart of every pain—  
And I have slept in her soft bower,  
Till now of life's last lingering hours;

How few, alas, remain!

Ah! now the fairy reign is past,—  
For youth's warm raptures now are o'er;  
These visions, all too bright to last,  
Of love and joy can charm no more!

Some little toy,

Some puny joys,  
To wear life's littles calm away;  
Then near some old neglected stone,  
Unwept, unnoticed, and unknown,

I yield the worn its prey.

Come, then! whatever ills await:  
Tho' age sit hoary on my brow,  
I care not for the ills of fate;  
And poverty, I scorn thee now!

I shall not see,

Obscured by thee,  
Fair, lovely woman's charms decay—  
I have no tie to keep me here?

Not one!—Why then without a tear

I yield the worn its prey!

## MISCELLANEOUS.

From the Saturday Evening Post.

### TOO PROUD; A SKETCH FROM REAL LIFE.

BY JANE WEAVER.

"What do you intend to do?" said Edward Hanson to his brother Frederick, as the orphan boys sat together, about two months after the death of their last parent. "It is necessary for us to act speedily, for our money is nearly gone, and it will not do to starve."

"What do you intend to do?" said Frederick, who, though the elder, seemed disposed to hear his brother's plans, before he announced his own.

"I shall look out for work of some kind, and that to-day. The truth is, there is no choice; bread we must have, and wishing won't bring it; so we must labor for it, as persons have done before us."

"I don't see that," said Frederick. "Father was a lawyer, and the first of the family who stooped to be even that, for all the rest were gentlemen, and lived on their estates. What would he think, if he was alive, to see his sons hiring out as day laborers, or even going behind a counter? No, I'll never stoop to that—I'll starve first. But there's no necessity of such extremes," added Frederick, in a less vehement tone, "for old

Mrs. Newton has invited us there, and I shall accept the invitation."

"What! go where you are not wanted?" exclaimed Edward indignantly. "I'm sure, Frederick, you said, when the letter came, that the old lady was hardly civil, and gave the invitation merely because she was our nearest relative, and thought hard things might be said of her by the censorious, if she neglected us entirely."

"Yes; there is no doubt that she would be glad to get rid of us, and that is one reason why I am going there. She was under many obligations to father, when he was wealthy, and was only a sort of charity companion to mother. Father got her a rich husband—and now the table is turned, it is but right she should support us."

"I am too proud to go," said Edward. "I would rather work my fingers to the bone—live in a garret—and go shivering, half clad, from December to March, than eat at table or sleep under a roof where I was not welcome!"

"And I," retorted Frederick, "am too proud to be a base mechanic, and disgrace my ancestry. Surely Ned, you are not in earnest. You don't mean to go to work like a clod-hopper!"

"You use strong terms," said Edward, with a flushed cheek, "when you call mechanics base, and squalid laborers as clod-hoppers. It is no disgrace to work. My pride consists in personal independence, in being the hangers on of nobody; yours in a dead ancestry, who were robber-chiefs in the dark ages, and have been drones in society ever since."

"Oh! you vile scoundrel," said Frederick, "have you no spark of our forefathers' pride—none of the reverence for knightly honor which has ever distinguished the Hansons?—You are a scandal to our name," he continued rising. "I used to think you were in jest, when you praised honest labor. I find my mistake. But you must go on in your own way. For my part, I still remember I am a gentleman's son, and that the aristocratic hands of my race have never yet been disgraced by labor!"

"But how do you expect to live?" Mrs. Newton has only asked you there for a few months; you cannot expect her to clothe as well as feed you."

"I shall marry an heiress," said Frederick, unconsciously looking in the glass at his fine person.

Edward heaved a sigh. His own rigid notions of personal pride, revolted from his brother's plan; but he knew words would be vain; so he only extended his hand and said,

"Well do not let us part in anger. We are the only survivors of our family—and though we follow different routes in life, I hope you may be happy."

"You will reconsider your determination," said the elder brother, accepting the pledge of amity. "Work is as unpleasant as it is derogatory, to a gentleman. Your notion of being dependent on no one, is, I grant, a romantic one, and apt to beguile the imagination of a man like you; but you'll soon find that to live on coarse fare—to have a hard master over you—and to be thrust continually into the society of boors and coarse mechanics, is a sad damper on your enthusiastic notions. I am older than you, and—take my word for it—you'll repent of your bargain and follow me to Mrs. Newton's."

Frederick, accordingly, went to Mrs. Newton's; and Edward sought out a place. He soon found a respectable mechanic, bricklayer by trade, who agreed to take him as an apprentice, and as five years of his minority remained, Edward was bound to Mr. Simpson for that time.—His superior education, and his cheerful disposition, soon made him both respected and much loved in his master's family, and every year increased the esteem with which Mr. Simpson regarded the young man. Mr. Simpson's business was a large and extensive one, and Edward made himself so useful to his master by keeping accounts after his day's work with the trowel was done, that he rapidly acquired a standing which none of the other apprentices obtained. These, at first, laughed at our hero for laboring with the pen after his day's task was over, and would have persuaded him away to some place of idle amusement; but Edward replied "No, I prefer obliging Mr. Simpson who is so kind to me. For cards, or the theatre, I have no taste. Pray, then excuse me." When Mr. Simpson heard this, he said "Edward is right. He has his fortune to make and is wise in not wasting a moment's time—Constant industry, and a disposition to oblige is the only way for a man, without capital, to rise in the world. Edward will yet be rich, while some of his fellow apprentices will die beggars."

Frederick found but a cold reception at Mrs. Newton's but he was resolved, for the present at least, to see no slights. He was three years older than his brother, and already something of what is called a man of the world. He purchased fine clothes on credit, which his living at the rich Mrs. Newton's enabled him to do, and with the same passport, he soon worked his way into the best society of the place. He was now a large proprietor of real estate, and had long retired from active business. Mr. Simpson, his kind patron having been dead many years. Edward had purchased back the estate that once belonged to his family, and resides there part of the year. His intelligence, wealth, and comprehensive views give the first station in whatever society he chooses to mingle. Several times the people of his native county have solicited him to be their representative in Congress; but he is of the opinion that he can do more good at home, edu-

cating his children and attending to works of benevolence. In both these his wife ably assists him; and their progeny reward this care, by being the best behaved and most intelligent of the neighborhood.

Frederick never succeeded in marrying an heiress. After the death of Mrs. Newton, which happened many years since, he would have been without a home, if his brother, already rising in the world, had not come to his aid. As Edward had children to educate, he did not care to have a man of his brother's character about his house, so he tendered Frederick an allowance for the comfort though not the superfluities of life, on condition that he abandoned gambling. To this the older brother submitted. Frederick boarded at one of the most aristocratic houses in the city and managed with the strict economy, to dress in good style. But as most of his allowance is thus expended on show, he has nothing left for other comforts. The old habits of his life still cling to him. He is noted for drinking other people's wine, riding in other people's carriages, and occasionally inflicting himself as a self-invited guest at other people's country houses. As he lived, so he will die, thoroughly selfish. He often talks of the antiquity of the Hanson family and now and then insinuates that there is royal blood in their veins.

Thus, while the younger brother is everywhere esteemed, the elder is every where a laughing stock. Reader, it does not answer to be too proud.

## ALEXANDER AND THE AFRICANS.

Alexander, the conqueror of the world, in one of his expeditions came into a kingdom situated in an obscure corner of Africa. The inhabitants dwelt in humble cottages, were neither versed in the arts of war, nor yet subjected to a conqueror. On the arrival of Alexander, he was conducted to the dwelling of their chief, who placed before him, dates, figs and apples of pure gold.

"Do they eat gold here?" said Alexander.

"You being able as I suppose, replied the chief, to obtain provision in your own country for what except this have you come hither?"

"It is not for your gold that I have come," replied Alexander, "but to become better acquainted with the customs of your people."

"Since this is the case, then," added the chief, "stay here as long as thou wilt."

During this colloquy, two citizens came, in for judgment. The complainant said: "I purchased of this man a piece of land and turning up the soil, I discovered a valuable treasure contained therein; yet this man refused to take it again."

"Then the other replied, "I am as conscientious in this matter as my neighbor. I sold him the field, with all there was therein concealed.—Therefore the treasure is his own."

The judge then repeated their words, that he might be sure he understood the meaning of each correctly, and after little reflection thus spoke:

"You said he addressing the first, "have a son—have you not?"

"I have," replied he.

"And you," said he to the other, "a daughter."

"Yes."

"Well then, the son shall marry the daughter, and the treasure shall be their marriage portion."

Alexander seemed perplexed. "Is my sentence unjust?" inquired the chief.

"By no means," said Alexander, "but to me the decision seemed strange and peculiar."

"How then would the affair have been decided in your own country?"

"To speak truly," said Alexander, "we should have detained the two men in prison, and have taken the possession for the king."

"For the king," said the other in astonishment.

"Does the sun shine in that land?"

"Surely."

"And does it rain there?"

"Yes."

"Are their flocks and herds there?"

"Very many."

"It is well then, that the Great Being who rules over all things, should permit the rain to fall on that land, and the sun to shine there for the sake of those innocent beasts, but you do not deserve it."

AN INGENIOUS METHOD OF RIDING ON ONE'S SELF OF TROUBLESOME VISITORS.—A French paper relates the following anecdote of the artist Charlet, recently deceased:

One day one of those impudent hangers-on, the scourge of an artist's studio, introduced himself to Charlet, and after many forced compliments, said: "My dear Monsieur Charlet, the friendship of a great man is a favor from the gods, as says a poet, whose name I cannot remember, but whose idea I appreciate. So I propose to cultivate your acquaintance, and shall take the liberty of calling on you from time to time."

"You greatly flatter me," answered Charlet; "your visits could not otherwise than honor me; but I reside at such a distance hence."

"That matters but little, I am fond of exercise."

"And then I am not always at home."

"I can select some hour when I may find you there."

"Monsieur," replied the artist, "your impetuosity moves me, and as I would not be held in politeness, allow me to return your visit. Favor me with your address."

"How do you will trouble yourself to visit me?" You, whose most visits are so precious!"

"No ceremony, I entreat you. Your address."

Charlet opened his memorandum, and cast upon his interlocutor a penetrating glance. Nothing more was required. Whilst his future friend was indicating his residence, the artist, instead of writing his address, sketched his figure. It was only the dash with the crayon, but the resemblance was striking. Then, returning home, Charlet cut the leaf from the memorandum, banded it to his portier, and said,

"You see this image; keep it carefully, and whenever the original presents himself, answer him that I am not at home."

The portier religiously observed his directions, and the future friend in vain returned to the charge, he was always repulsed. The idea was a good one, and Charlet turned it largely to profit. As soon as he saw himself menaced with a disagreeable visitor, he hastily sketched his figure, which the intelligent portier placed in the album expressly arranged for that purpose. The collection was shortly quite numerous.

"When a stranger presented himself and asked—

"Is Monsieur Charlet in?" the portier regarded him attentively, then turned to the book of the proscribed figures.

"Well?" replied the visitor, "did you hear me?"

"Perfectly, Monsieur."

"Why, then, do you not answer?"

"A moment, I entreat you. You wish to see Monsieur Charlet?" said the imperturbable portier, increasing his researches.

"Certainly, of course."

"Ah! here it is!"

"Will you tell me if Monsieur Charlet is in?"

"He is not in, Monsieur."

"Are you sure?"

"How! am I sure! the resemblance is striking enough!"

And the disappointed visitor retired, exclaiming—

"What in the d—n does he employ such a fool as that for a porter!"—Boston Bee.

THE ELOQUENCE OF MOTION.—ANECDOTE OF WILLIAM C. PRESTON.—Every one has read of action, action, action

### The Secret Service Fund.

Statement of Hon. C. J. Ingersoll against Hon. Daniel Webster, made in the House of Representatives on Monday, April 26th, as reported by the Washington Union.

Mr. C. J. Ingersoll spoke as follows:

Mr. SEAKEN: When Mr. Webster, in virulent terms, in Senate, assailed my truth, concerning transactions of which proofs ought to be in the Department of State, I went there in search of them for my vindication. As member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs, for some years, I have some freedom of access there, though probably none which any other member of Congress is entitled to.

Searching for proof, not to expose him, but vindicate myself, I felt most unexpectedly on others which led me, next day, to denounce him as a delinquent.

When the President's answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives refused certain documents, I repeated, in general assertion, the fact of his delinquency, and added that it is easily susceptible of proof. My friends advised me to go no further, supposing that Mr. Webster would challenge investigation.

Not having done so, but having again, with opprobrious language, in Senate, charged me with slander and called on me to substantiate my accusation of him, I now submit a short statement, which may be tested as to truth.

There are three charges of delinquency:

First. Unlawful use of the fund appropriated for the contingent service of foreign intercourse, commonly called the secret service fund.

Secondly. Misappropriating part of that fund to corrupt party presses.

Thirdly. Leaving the Department of State in default to that fund.

First. Congress appropriates annually a small sum, commonly \$20,000, for the contingent expenses of foreign intercourse; the disbursement of part of which is sometimes usefully clandestine, but never, as has been erroneously supposed, corrupt. Whenever, in the opinion of the President, it would be wrong to make public how any part of it is disposed of, he so certifies, and, by act of Congress, his mere certificate is sufficient voucher at the treasury for the required settlement.

These funds have, for the last sixteen years, if not always, been in the hands of a clerk, called by acts of Congress, the disbursing agent of the Department of State, who kept them in banks, as agent. The official routine is for the President, on the requisition of the Secretary of State, to authorize payment of money from the treasury to the disbursing agent of the State Department. The disbursing agent is debited at the treasury with the sum drawn into the Department of State, keeps it to his credit as agent, in bank, and gives checks as required by the secretary, for payment to any person he may designate.

In this way the first check I saw, when I went to the department, was drawn by the agent for the service at N. York in McLeod's case, \$1,000.

But, shortly after President Harrison's death and before Vice President Tyler was at home in chief magistracy—in April, 1841—Mr. Secretary Webster began an entirely novel method of dealing with the secret service fund.

Instead of directing the disbursing agent to pay any third person, Mr. Webster required the money to be paid to himself.

In this way he drew to himself from the disbursing agent twelve thousand dollars during the first nine months of Mr. Webster's incumbency as Secretary, about \$1,300 a month, in 1841, and three thousand dollars more early in 1842.

Thus he took into his own hands fifteen thousand dollars in his first twelve months. The President, there is written evidence in the department show, in Mr. Webster's handwriting that he got a President's certificate for four thousand and four hundred and sixty dollars, (\$4,460.)

That President's certificate, of which I took a minute, dated 19th July, 1842, is—

To J. J. Crittenden, for expenses of journey to New York \$100

To F. O. J. Smith, for services connected with the northeastern boundary \$2,000

To Alexander Powell, for journey to, and stay on the frontier in 1841, on the subject of the disturbances \$1,000

With several other items.

The first item in this short account concerning McLeod, will show how I was led from that to other objects; and some of the other items will show the agents whom, as Secretary of State, Mr. Webster employed. Both houses of Congress, if not the public at large, have not been left in ignorance of the character of some of those on whom the Secretary of State bestowed large sums of public money, if their receipts correctly voice what they got.

In a memorandum of payments to Mr. Webster by authority of the President, there is a minute dated June 23, 1842, by cash returned, \$5,000.

After drawing \$15,000 to himself during fifteen months, during which period there is no trace of what he did with those large sums, he appears to have returned one-third of the amount withdrawn.

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These \$5,000 were returned ten days after,

according to the published correspondence on his

negotiation with the British envoy extraordinary,

began by conversational and confidential inter-

course, without protocols or other usual records

of such transactions.

In 1843 Mr. Webster took to himself \$2,000

more, making altogether \$17,000.

On closing his account, crediting the \$5,000

returned, and various other sums, there remained

a balance against him of \$2,200 of the secret

service fund. One of his credits against it was

for \$1,400, published in House document, report

No. 29, first session, 23rd Congress—report of

Mr. Rogers for maps, charts, surveys, and ex-

penses of bringing them to the seat of govern-

ment, and for copies of transcripts, and for vari-

ous agencies to procure information connected

with the boundary treaty.

This inarticulate and incomprehensible mixture of many incongruous items, without specification of prices, dates or any apparent tests of rectitude, Mr. Secretary Webster certified himself as a proper credit for himself, and deducted from his debit to the secret service fund. Without that credit his default to that fund would have been \$3,690, instead of \$2,200, which it was when he was removed.

The \$17,000 were in this hands, contrary to uniform usage; if used by him, contrary to the subtreasury act. Whether so, is for him to make appear. The burden of proof is on him. Secondly: Application of the secret service fund to corrupt party presses. The Ashburton treaty bears date the 9th August, 1842. Congress were then in session; and, as Mr. Adams has charged me lately, and I confess I did what little I could in one of a small minority in the House of Repre-

sentatives (we had forty votes, I think, under the previous question) to resist a treaty which Mr. Webster has lately stated in the Senate granted near half a million of dollars from the treasury of the United States to the people of Maine and Massachusetts. I then desired to contend, when put down by the previous question, that the House of Representative had a constitutional right to pass on such a treaty.

What I am now enabled to add, of revelation from the Department of State, will prove that my instinct of aversion to the treaty were even truer than reason.

In the Department of State there is now a letter signed F. O. J. Smith, marked private, dated Portland, the 12th of August, 1842, addressed to Mr. Webster, Secretary of State, substantially as follows:

It begins by congratulating Mr. Webster on his settlement of the Maine boundary question by a new mode of approaching the subject, after forty years of diplomacy, without which new mode another forty years of diplomacy would have come to nothing.

[Mr. F. O. J. Smith seems to have suggested the boast with which his correspondent Mr. Webster lugged himself in his elaborate vindication in Senate.]

Mr. Smith informs Mr. Webster by this letter that he had occasion to resort to services and influences, in order to adjust the tone and direction of the party presses, and through them of public sentiment, to a purpose so desirable of accomplishment under Mr. Webster's administration.

Mr. Smith therefore, submits a claim or account, if I recollect right, in blank for Mr. Webster to fill up, of which he calls for payment out of the contingent fund. Mr. Smith presumes that the contingent fund will be ample, to do whatever he may think just.

The sums Mr. Smith vouches as got by him from Mr. Webster are \$2,000 for services connected with the northeastern boundary and two years after he vouches \$500 more as will be shown.

Thirdly: Leaving the Department of State in debt to the secret service fund, \$2,290.

The records of the department show this default beyond all denial or question.

They show, furthermore, that it was neither paid or accounted for during nearly two years after Mr. Webster's removal from office.

They show several letters sent to him by President Tyler's direction, urging payment, and evasive letters of excuse from Mr. Webster for nonpayment.

At length, a peremptory letters that exposure would or might be the consequence of more delay, produced reimbursement. But settlement did not take place till the 1st February, 1845, ten days before President Polk arrived in Washington to be inaugurated, when Mr. Webster produced another voucher from Mr. F. O. J. Smith, for an additional \$300, and other vouchers, one George Smith for \$500.

George Smith, since dead, denied that he had ever been paid or vouched more than \$150, to which sum Mr. Webster reduced the \$500 at first demanded, as his agent, now in Washington will prove.

Granting all the vouchers Mr. Webster produced, there was nevertheless a balance of about \$1,200 due from him, at all events, when he left the department. That sum he was in default to the secret service fund, after crediting every thing in the way of repayment, offset, or voucher, that he claimed.

In all I have said in this affair, no illusion has been made to any private aggravation. Regretting the exposure forced from me, having afforded Mr. Webster several opportunities to meet the charges in his own way, that which he chose, left me no alternative but this forbearing justification of myself.

A resolution, or committee, which I cannot institute, will soon test the truth of my statement.

### LATER FROM MEXICO.

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PARIS, MAY 12, 1846.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

To-morrow is the day provided by the Constitution, as recently amended by the people, for the meeting of the Legislature of this State. It will be the first time since the separation of this State from Massachusetts that our Legislature has held its session in the summer, except for specific purposes. Our people have supposed that a change in the time for the meeting of the Legislature from the inclement season of winter to the more congenial months of summer would enable our Representatives to despatch the public business with greater facility. They have also supposed that as those who occupy seats in the legislative body, would have more imperative demands upon their time for the transaction of private business than in the winter, there would be less reason to apprehend unnecessary delay in the performance of their public duties.

Whether the expectations of those who have decreed this change in the time for holding the session of the Legislature will be realized, remains to be seen. For ourselves, says the editor of the Augusta Age, we have never entertained the opinion that any essential benefit would be experienced from the change. It is a fact well known, that warm weather does not conduce to increased mental efforts, but rather has the opposite tendency. And as to diligence we can say with truth, and after much observation, that we have never witnessed a disposition on the part of our public servants, in Maine, to consume more time than was absolutely necessary for the transaction of the large amount of public business which has always been pressed upon them by their constituents. The change, however, having been made, it will now become the duty of the present Legislature to avail themselves of every facility which is now afforded them for the speedy and faithful discharge of their duties to the people. Such, we doubt not, will be their determination also.

On this Legislature will devolve the performance of many important public trusts. The time which has intervened since the close of the last session has been much longer than usually intervenes between the ordinary annual sessions of the Legislature. It is therefore not unreasonable to suppose that the amount of public and private business which will demand attention will be much larger than usual, and consequently require a larger amount of labor. One important subject for their consideration, though perhaps not for the final action of this Legislature, will be the re-charter of the banks of this State. The present charters of our banks will not, it is true, expire until after another session of the Legislature, and may not therefore require to be renewed at the present session, unless it shall be deemed expedient to make such modifications in their charters as will require all the time intervening between this and their expiration to prepare them for the state of things that will then exist.

The present is a highly favorable moment to subject the laws, that give life to these institutions which furnish the principal currency of our people, to rigid scrutiny, and place them on such a basis as will render the paper they issue, perfectly safe. The tendency of the banking system always has been, and probably always will be, to exceed the bounds of prudence. The history of the system, the world over, has been one of small beginnings, rapid increase, dangerous excesses, and terrific explosions, producing wide spread commercial disaster and intense private suffering. To deny, however, that the system has, when properly regulated, many advantages, would be to call in question the common sense of the civilized world. But on the other hand, to deny that such an inflammable gaseous system, founded as it always is, to a very great extent, upon confidence, requires strong checks to prevent its inflation and self-destruction, would be to become blind to the experience of mankind, and deaf to the lamentations of thousands on thousands of widows and orphans who now lament losses sustained, and prospects blasted by the unexpected explosions of banking institutions, whose stock of public confidence—their only capital—was insufficient to support the superincumbent weight of their enormous issues of promises.

To check this constant and natural tendency to overaction in all banking institutions, is the work of wise legislation. That some check, of a very decided character, is now required to restrain the upward tendency of our bank circulation is most manifest. Never has there been a time when the tendency to a crisis in banking was more rapid than at the present moment, and unless some restraining influence is exerted very soon to counteract this tendency to explosion, all the evils attendant upon suspensions of specie payments and bank failures must be the inevitable result.

INGERSOLL vs. WEBSTER.

We copy the following remarks upon the charges preferred by Mr. Ingersoll against Mr. Webster from the Augusta Age,—the charges will be found in another column:

A very novel case is now pending before the high court of the people between these two gentlemen. A committee of the House of Representatives are now "getting out the testimony in the case," and all the facts will soon be presented to "a jury of the country," for decision. The charges are of a very grave and serious character, involving not only defalcation, but bribery and corruption also. In this trial we feel it is bound to bespeak a candid hearing for Mr. Webster, of all the extenuating circumstances in the case, in consequence of the peculiar position which he occupies in public estimation.

In ordinary cases the accused is presumed to be innocent until he is proved guilty. Not so, however, in this case, so far as his own use of the public funds is concerned. Such is the reputation of Mr. Webster for carelessness in money matters, that were he charged in any case with having used the funds of other people which happened to be in his hands, the presumption would be that he had so done, and the public would think it incumbent on him or his friends to prove that he had not, rather than for his accuser to substantiate his charge. In relation to the charge of his having used the money for the purposes of bribery and corruption, that is another matter, and the public will hold Mr. Ingersoll bound to make out his charges under that head.

A large amount of the time of our legislature is always consumed upon application for an almost infinite number of private acts of incorporation. It is worthy the consideration of the Legislature to ascertain whether some general laws may not be devised under

them of public sentiment" on the subject of the Webster treaty. We hope that this charge will not be found true. It would be bad enough for Mr. Webster to apply the public funds to his own use, to defray his ordinary personal expenses; but the employment of them by such an agent, for such purposes, would show a destination of principle which we would not willingly charge upon our most bitter political enemy.

One thing however we think all will admit, and that is, that both Mr. Webster and his friends have acted unwisely in this matter. Had they contented themselves with a simple denial of the charge originally made by Mr. Ingersoll, this expose would never have been made; nor would he or his friends have been compelled to acknowledge before the world the humiliating fact that he now sits in the halls of Congress, the pensioned agent of the federalists of Massachusetts. But they have chosen not only to pronounce him innocent of the charges against him, but to abuse and vilify in unmeasured terms the man who proferred them. Whatever therefore may be the result of the investigation now going on in Congress, there will be little call for our sympathy for the vanquished.

### ARRIVAL OF THE CAMBRIA.

The Steamship Cambria, Capt. Judkins, left Liverpool on the 19th ult., arriving at Halifax, 1st inst., at noon, and left at 4 o'clock for Boston. On Saturday night about twelve o'clock, the weather being foggy, the boat running about half speed, and just in the act of stopping for the purpose of sounding, she touched lightly on the bottom. The engines were immediately reversed, but she remained hard and fast. It was soon discovered that she was aground on the beach of Truro, Cape Cod, and about five miles South of Highland Light. There was considerable swell on, though fortunately it was entirely calm. Early Sunday morning some of the passengers took horses at Plymouth and reached Boston at four o'clock in the afternoon. Boats were immediately despatched to take off her mails and passengers. She was got off uninjured.

Wilmer & Smith's European Times says, the accounts from the United States by the Hibernia, to the beginning of April, have excited a good deal of attention. The message of Mr. Polk to Congress is not considered warlike; and indeed some of the public writers profess to see the best guarantee for the continuance of peace, in the expense to which the country will be put by arming for a conflict.

Cotton has risen one eighth on the receipt of the news of short crops here by the Hibernia.

The London Examiner says, England loves peace but is ready for war.

The arrivals of produce have been large.

Since the Great Western sailed, there has been an improved demand for wheat, and the prices have risen somewhat. In Liverpool the corn trade is better. Several cargoes have arrived in Dublin.

Parliament reassembled on the 17th, and the Irish coercion or "assassination bill" was under discussion.

Much complaint was made against ministers for pressuring this unpopular measure. The Irish members, it is said, talk against time, for the purpose of staving off the bill. Sir Robert Peel alluded to the purchase of Indian meal for the use of the suffering inhabitants of Ireland, and stated that further purchases might be necessary, though the government did not wish to interfere with the business community. The government had contributed all the relief—the landlords had done nothing—it was impossible to tell when the tariff bill would again before the Commons. A bill was to be brought into the House of Commons to enable railroad companies which had not charters, to disband and divide their money.

The London Times is of opinion that a majority of our Senate is in favor of peace, but inclines to the belief that the Executive is rather negligently disposed. The Times thinks, however, that a satisfactory settlement upon the 40th degree can be arranged, by our allowing England Vancouver's Island, navigation and Harbor of straits of Fuca, free use of the Columbia and its northern branches down to the sea, and indemnity or compensation to the Hudson Bay Company for posts they would be called upon to surrender.

Lord Aberdeen has expressed himself highly satisfied with Mr. Pakenham's management of the question.

The peace societies throughout the country were making great movements in favor of maintaining friendly relations with the United States.

Ireland.—The news is distressing—in parts of Tipperary the peasantry have plundered the provision stores, and broken into the flour mills to save themselves from death and starvation. The town of Clonmel was in a state of siege. Troops are obliged to escort provisions as they pass through the streets, and the unfortunate population, whose bones are described as protruding through their flesh, can only be kept down by means of the bayonet. Many inhabitants are without food, and the wretched sufferers are in vain endeavoring to get provisions that their children may not die.

France.—An attempt has been made to shoot Louis Philippe. He was on his return from Fontainebleau, in company with the Queen and several members of his family. Several balls struck the carriage, but no one was injured. The wadding was picked up by the Queen in the carriage. The assassin was arrested. His name was Leconome, an old guardian of the forest of Fontainebleau.

Spain.—The latest news from Spain announces that Navarre, the late Minister, has been driven out of the country in consequence of his quarrel with Queen Christina. He has fled to the South of France.

AS UNSEXED WOMAN.—A young woman was recently taken to the New York City Hospital from Anthony St., with a broken leg, who goes by the name of "Johnny." It is said she has acted in the capacity of stage driver, nearly three years on one of the omnibus routes in the city. She dressed in male apparel, chewed tobacco, smoked cigars, drank brandy, and swore as valiantly as any of her confederates, and her sex was never discovered. It was during that she adopted this name, which is now the only one by which she is known.

OLD.—The Fayetteville Observer states that Mr. Wm. Pruden died lately in Bladen Co., North Carolina, aged one hundred and twenty-four years. He served in the Revolution, though quite an old man; and has left great grand children over forty years of age.

At a Sunday school examination a few days ago, a little girl being asked by the catechist, "What is the outward visible sign or form in baptism?" innocently replied, "Please, sir, the baby."

Every hour is worth at least a good thought, a good wish, a good endeavor.

John B. Govan, the great temperance lecturer, has returned from the South, and is now lecturing in Boston.

RESPECTABILITY.—"Cato, does you know den John-sings, up dar in Congo Place, is got to be berry 'spectable folks?"

"Wal, Scipio, I tough dey was gettin' along berry well; but I doesn't know how 'spectable dey is."

"How 'spectable does you link, Cato?"

"Wal, guess 'bout tree thousand dollars."

"More 'spectable dan dat."

"Wal, how 'spectable is dey?"

"Wy, five thousand dollars, and a house an' lot be sides."

"Whe! good bye, Cato, I must give 'em a call."

FIFTY-FOUR RONRS.—The real 54 40 democracy of Philadelphia had a large gathering at the Chinese Museum on Friday evening, week, and were addressed by several members of Congress, among whom were Hon. G. J. Ingersoll, and Hon. O. B. Ficklin, from Illinois.

Capt. Fremont has been so fortunate as to discover a new route or pass, by which California can be reached by emigrants in 60 days less time than by the old route via Oregon. This new route is perfectly practicable for wheeled vehicles.

NORTHERN SCENE.—Nicholas Pinkham, of Auburn, grey headed man of sixty, has been sentenced by our S. J. Court, recently sitting in this city, to the State prison for life, for rape on a girl thirteen years old. So says the Eastern (Portland) Argus

The Committee of investigation on the charges of Ingersoll against Webster have sent to this State for witnesses.

Three hundred and five Universalist clergymen have signed and issued a protest against American slavery. Three hundred fifty-four clergymen of the same denomination have, for various reasons, refused to put their names to the protest.

A deum was recently chanted in the Cathedral at Warsaw, by order of the Russian authorities of the city, as a thanksgiving to God for permitting the Poles to retain the happiness of living under the Russian dominion."

SERIOUS AFFRAY.—The Bangor Whig states that a lad named Lufkin, aged 17 years, was struck on the head with an axe by another lad of 16, named Turner, at Leyant, and his skull was so badly fractured that he was not expected to survive. They had been schoolboys together, and the attack was the result of a former quarrel.

The Governor has nominated Spencer A. Pratt, Esq., as Judge of the Police Court in Bangor, Judge Cushman's term having expired.

The Washington Union says that an intelligent gentleman who has been engaged in the production of sugar in Cuba for the last 30 years after a careful examination, puts the value of American property on that island at \$35,000,000.

THE NOTICE.—The President sent a message to Congress on Tuesday, stating that he had signed and approved the Joint Resolutions on the Oregon Notice.

Edward Everett was inducted into the office of President of Harvard University on Wednesday, with appropriate ceremonies and great festivity. The toasts were drunk in cold water.

A bill "for the suppression of horse racing, trotting and pacing, and the racing of 'other animals'" has been passed by the Massachusetts legislature. It provides for the punishment of all persons concerned in any race by a fine not exceeding \$1000, and imprisonment not exceeding one year.

"I know," says Mirabeau, "but three ways of living in this world; first, by wages for work; secondly, by begging; and thirdly, by stealing—so named, or not so named."

Conscription can be cured by the timely use of Dr. Buchan's Hungarian Balsam. So perfect and infallible is this remedy, even in the most hopeless cases of Consumption, that it has been admitted into the Hospitals and other public institutions in Great Britain, and has become as much a standard medicine as the Fluid Magnesia of Sir James Murray. The immense amount of mortality which this Balsam has prevented since its introduction into the United States, is a matter of astonishment to the medical faculty. It is, indeed, a safe, speedy, and effectual cure for Consumption, in all its forms, and the only source of hope.

Pamphlets respecting this Great English Remedy may be had gratis of MOSES HAMMOND, only agent in Paris Hill, May 5th, 1846.

P. S. The subscriber hereby tenders his sincere thanks to his friends and customers, and the public generally for a generous share of patronage, and humbly solicits a continuation of such favors, except a very few individuals, whose aim it is to run away and never pay—such cases are respectfully invited to call sometimes elsewhere.

B. W.

### Sheriff's Sale.

Oxford, April 23d, 1846.

TAKEN on Execution the same having been set-  
led on the original Will, and will be sold at

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

to the highest bidder, on Saturday, the thirtieth day of May, A. D. 1846, at one o'clock P. M., at the house of Erik Randall in Dixfield, unless redeemed prior.

All the right, title and interest the said Randall has in and to the house and land where he now lives, the same having been mortgaged by Peter Austin to Job Hathaway, and said Austin's right to redeem sold to Augustus S. G. Strickland, and said Strickland's right transferred to said Randall, and said Randall's right to redeem to the title and interest intended to be sold.

Reference to the Records of the County of Oxford for a further description.

JOHN M. EUSTIS, Deputy Sheriff.

### Atlantic & St. Lawrence DAILY LINE.

THE undersigned proposes to establish a DAILY LINE of Stages from PARIS to PORTLAND, to commence on the first Monday of May next.

His Stages leaving Paris daily at 1 o'clock A. M. will arrive at Portland in season to intersect with the Bonts and carts for Boston, and the boats Eastward, the same day; and leaving Portland daily at 7 o'clock A. M., will arrive at Paris at 6 o'clock P. M.

By the arrangement the facilities for public travel will be greatly increased, as his line intersects with all the great through-fares in Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, and is on the direct Route of the

Atlantic & St. Lawrence Rail Road,

connecting the Metropolis of CANADA with LIVERPOOL, and LONDON.

In return for the increased care and expense of the NEW ENTERPRISE, the proprietor only asks that the patronage to which the magnitude of the undertaking and the responsibility incurred justly entitle him.

G. G. WATERHOUSE.

Paris, April 14, 1846.

### BOOK STORE.

THE subscriber keeps constantly for sale a large and varied assortment of Books and Stationery, among which are all the Schoo, Books in common use for Schools and Academies, such as Grammars, Arithmetic, Algebra, History, Geography, Astronomy, Philosophy, Chemistry, &c., &c.

Also—a prime assortment of MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS,

from which Public, Social, Sunday School, and Private Libraries can be supplied on reasonable terms, and of a character to suit the various tastes and wishes of the reading community generally.

Large Quarto, Duodecimo, and Pocket Bibles; Testaments, hymn-books; paper, ink, quills, steel pens, wafer-papers, paper-folders, sand-boxes, seals, &c.

A good variety of BLANKS,

such as Warrantee, Quitclaim, Mortgage, Administrator's, Collector's and Guardian's Deeds, Sheriff's Receipts, Sheriff's Returns, Executions, Writs, and many others that are in common use.

ALSO—

PAPER HANGINGS,

of different figures, qualities and prices to suit customers.

Glass Ware, Maps of the State of Maine, and many other articles, too numerous to particularize in a short advertisement. For further particulars, Ladies and Gentlemen, please call and examine for yourselves, or enquire of

BENJ. WALTON.

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Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS ELISHA REYNOLDS, of Canton, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, by Deed of Mortgage dated the thirtieth day of October, A. D. 1840, recorded with Oxford Records, Book 71, page 404, conveyed to the undersigned a certain piece of land

